GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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IMPORT OF PLASTIC GOODS FROM NEPAL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of the plastic goods from Nepal to India has been continuously increasing;

(b) if so, the value of import of the plastic goods from Nepal during each of the last three years;

(c) whether more than 30 plastic processing units of the country have been closed down due to mass import of plastic goods from Nepal;

(d) if so, the details of such units; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to save the domestic plastic industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) 1997-1998 = 6.32 Crores
1998-1999 = 24.06 Crores
1999-2000 = 39.98 Crores

(c) & (d) No Specific study has been conducted by the Government in the matter. However the Organisation of Plastic Processors of India, Mumbai have intimated that 13 Units in Rajasthan and 3 Units in Delhi have closed down due to import from Nepal.This matter has not been verified.

(e) Imports from Nepal are governed by Indo-Nepal Treaty of Trade.The Treaty provides, inter-alia, for preferential treatment to imports of manufactured articles from Nepal. The Treaty also provides ` In the event of this facility leading to a surge inthe imports generally or in the import of any particular article, the two Governments shall enter into consultation with a view to taking appropriate measures`. Accordingly the Government is closely monitoring the imports and all necessary measures, shall be resorted to, in case imports seriously affect or threaten to affect the domestic producers.